AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the title please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/107,334, filed on March 28, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/527,475 filed on March 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,569,240. --

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 25 with the following amended paragraph:

<u>Figures 21a-c are Figure 21 is a schematic plan views</u> illustrating orientations of CeO₂ crystals, which grow epitaxially on (001), (111) and (110) planes of an Si substrate, <u>respectively</u> as disclosed in the sixth document.